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Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration of Barbados[1] and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States ("Barbados Programme of Action"),[2] adopted by the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and recalling its resolution 49/122 of 19 December 1994 on the Global Conference,

Reaffirming also the Mauritius Declaration[3] and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States ("Mauritius Strategy for Implementation"),[4] adopted by the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States on 14 January 2005,

* On behalf of the Member States of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[4] Ibid., annex II.

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Recalling its resolutions 59/311 of 14 July 2005, 60/194 of 22 December 2005, 61/196 of 20 December 2006 and 62/191 of 19 December 2007,

Recalling also the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[5]

Reaffirming that the Commission on Sustainable Development is the primary intergovernmental forum for monitoring the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation,

Recalling the decision taken by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its sixteenth session[6] that one day be devoted exclusively to the review of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation,

Recalling also that one half-day of the Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting for the fifteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, as called for by the General Assembly in its resolution 61/196, was devoted to a discussion of policy options for addressing the barriers and constraints facing small island developing States in the four thematic areas of the session, taking into account the review of the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation conducted during the fourteenth session of the Commission,

Reaffirming that the adverse effects of climate change and sea-level rise present significant risks to the sustainable development of small island developing States, that the effects of climate change may threaten the very existence of some of them and that adaptation to the adverse impacts of climate change and sea-level rise therefore remains a major priority for small island developing States,

Recognizing the urgent need to increase the level of resources provided to small island developing States for the effective implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation,

Underscoring the importance of developing and strengthening national sustainable development strategies in small island developing States,

Recalling its request that the Secretary-General submit a report on actions taken to strengthen the Small Island Developing States Unit of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat,

Recalling also the decision to review progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation at the sixty-fifth session of the General Assembly,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General[7] on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation;

2. *Also takes note* of the actions taken by the Secretary-General to strengthen the Small Island Developing States Unit;[8]

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[5] See resolution 60/1.

[6] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2008, Supplement No. 9* (E/2008/29), chap. I, sect. B, decision 16/2.

[7] A/63/296.

[8] See A/62/945.

3. *Welcomes* the renewed commitment of the international community to the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;[2]

4. *Urges* Governments and all relevant international and regional organizations, United Nations funds, programmes, specialized agencies and regional commissions, international financial institutions and the Global Environment Facility, as well as other intergovernmental organizations and major groups, to take timely action for the effective implementation of and follow-up to the Mauritius Declaration[3] and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation,[4] including the further development and operationalization of concrete projects and programmes;

5. *Calls for* the full and effective implementation of the commitments, programmes and targets adopted at the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and, to this end, for the fulfilment of the provisions for the means of implementation, as contained in the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation, and encourages small island developing States and their development partners to continue to consult widely in order to develop further concrete projects and programmes for the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation;

6. *Reaffirms* the decision taken by the Commission on Sustainable Development at its sixteenth session[6] that one day during its review sessions be devoted exclusively to the review of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation;

7. *Invites* the Commission on Sustainable Development to devote one half-day of its Intergovernmental Preparatory Meeting to a discussion of policy options for addressing the barriers and constraints facing small island developing States identified during the thematic cluster of each cycle of the session;

8. *Encourages* better and early consultation with small island developing States in the planning and coordination, as appropriate, of the activities of the Commission on Sustainable Development devoted to the review of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation, and emphasizes the importance of enhanced interaction among small island developing States and the relevant agencies of the United Nations system addressing issues concerning small island developing States;

9. *Calls upon* the international community to enhance support for the efforts of small island developing States to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change, including through the provision of dedicated sources of financing, capacity-building and the transfer of appropriate technologies to address climate change;

10. *Requests* the relevant agencies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates, to intensify efforts aimed at mainstreaming the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation in their work programmes and to establish a focal point for matters related to small island developing States within their respective secretariats to support coordinated implementation of the programme of action at the national, subregional, regional and global levels;

11. *Calls upon* the international community to enhance its support for the implementation of the programme of work on island biodiversity[9] as a set of actions

[9] UNEP/CBD/COP/8/31, annex I, decision VIII/1, annex.

to address characteristics and problems that are specific to islands, adopted by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity at its eighth meeting, in 2006;

12. *Calls for* continued support for the design and implementation of national sustainable development strategies in all small island developing States;

13. *Encourages* the implementation of partnership initiatives, within the framework of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation, in support of the sustainable development of small island developing States;

14. *Underlines* the importance of providing the Small Island Developing States Unit with sufficient, stable and predictable funding to facilitate the full and effective implementation of its mandates in accordance with the high priority accorded to the Unit and in view of the increasing demand for its service, in particular with respect to the provision of assistance and support to small island developing States;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the Small Island Developing States Unit, as called for in its resolutions 57/262 of 20 December 2002, 58/213 A of 23 December 2003, 59/229 of 22 December 2004, 59/311, 60/194, 61/196 and 62/191, to ensure that the Unit is sufficiently and sustainably staffed without delay so that it may undertake its broad range of mandated functions, with a view to facilitating the full and effective implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation;

16. *Calls for* the provision of new, predictable resources as well as increased voluntary resources for the revitalization of the Small Island Developing States Information Network;

17. *Reaffirms* its decision to review the progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation at its sixty-fifth session, and decides to convene a two-day high-level review meeting in September 2010;

18. *Requests* the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the relevant agencies of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, to organize, facilitate or support efforts at the national, regional and international levels to review the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation and to assess progress made towards addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States;

19. *Invites* the small island developing States to consider at their relevant intergovernmental meetings assessments and relevant contributions to the review process;

20. *Requests* the international community to support the efforts to review progress made in addressing the vulnerabilities of small island developing States through the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy of Implementation, including, inter alia, by facilitating the participation of small island developing States in review activities;

21. *Also requests* that a decision be taken on the modalities for the review;

22. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fourth session on the follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation;

23. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-fourth session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", the sub-item entitled "Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States".